



Office of Administrative Services
FOIA Requester Service Center

June 17, 2019

Mr. Elijah Kaplan
MuckRock News
411A Highland Avenue
DEPT MR 51448
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2018-000939), submitted March 19, 2018, in which you requested:

“[a]ll documents and communications, of any form whatsoever, regarding any communications between department employees and Andrey Kostin, Dmitry Aleksandrovich Zabello, or other employee or representatives of VTB Bank. Furthermore, any documents relating to VTB or mentioning Andrey Kostin, Dmitry Aleksandrovich Zabello, or other employee or representatives of VTB Bank.”

Please be advised that after searching our records, GSA does not have records responsive to your request.

Since our search returned no responsive documents to your request, this does not constitute a denial of records. However, you have the right to appeal the adequacy of the search and you may submit an appeal online at the following link (<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>) or in writing to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H3)
1800 F Street, NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 120 days of the date of the response to your request. In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please enclose a copy of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope or online appeal submission should be prominently marked, “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

This completes action on your request. Should you have questions, you may contact me at travis.lewis@gsa.gov or contact our GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-

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5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis Lewis

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